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1. UPON RECEIPT OF REFTTEL A, DEPT CONTACTED SWIFTSHIPS'
WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE RE SUBSTANCE OF PRESIDENT BONGO'S
LETTER. BEGIN FYI. WHEN DAMAGE OCCURED, SWIFTSHIPS SENT
COMPANY ENGINEER TO ROOSEVELT ROADS TO INSPECT NGUENE.
END FYI.

2. IN EXPLAINING TO GOG, EMBASSY MAY
DRAW UPON FOLLOWING INFORMATION: PROBLEM APPEARS TO BE DE-
FICIENCY IN ANGINE VIBRATION DAMPERS IN ALL THREE ENGINES.
AS ENGINES ARE FAULTY, GENERAL MOTORS HAS ASSUMED RESPON-
SIBILITY. WARRANTY ON ALL THREE ENGINES VALID FOR ONE
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YEAR. GM IS REPLACING CENTERLINE ENGINE COMPLETELY AT NO

COST TO GOG. BOTH BLOCKS, SOME SLEEVES AND PISTONS OF TWO OUTBOARD ENGINES ARE BEING REPLACED AT NO COST TO GOG. GM HAS HANDLED MATTER EXPEDITIOUSLY AND AT SENIOR LEVEL SENDING TO ROOSEVELT ROADS NECESSARY MEN AND MATERIEL TO COMPLETE REPAIRS.

3. US NAVY HAS ALSO PROVIDED AT NO COST TO GOG PIER SPACE, CRANE AND OPERATOR AND TRANSPORTATION TO SAN JUAN FOR REPLACEMENT ENGINE.

4. ONLY COST INCURRED BY GOG WILL BE FUEL FOR ON-BOARD AUXILIARY ENGINES FOR GENERATORS AND FOOD FOR CREW.

5. FOR FYI ONLY. COMMANDING OFFICER, ELIE-LEFEBURE, OF NGUENE HAS INFORMED SWIFTSHIPS THAT A FRENCH SHIP WILL ESCORT NGUENE TO LIBREVILLE. SWIFTSHIPS WILL PROVIDE HOSES FOR USE IN REFUELING AT SEA. END FYI. KISSINGER

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